



Weekly Update July 22, 2020

Our Vision

We are a growing community of believers committed to walking with Christ, welcoming all, and serving God by serving others.

A Message from our Senior Warden

Yesterday morning Father Don and Marcie set their GPS for home in Grand Blanc Michigan, ending their 5-month tour in Warwick. This Sunday, Rev. Stephen C. Holton will be setting his GPS for Warwick NY, beginning his tour as our new Interim Priest.

Father Steve and his wife Charlotte reside in White Plains; they have two sons, David 29, and Ben 26. He will be with us at about 70% of full-time; three flexible weekdays which will fluctuate depending on the demands of each particular week and of course Sunday. Use of the Rectory will also fluctuate based on how practical (or impractical) the commute would be on that given day/week. Many of you may remember Father Steve when he Supplied for us back in January; he was very well received then and I am hoping many of us can welcome him back this Sunday. Attendance has gradually increased these last 3 weeks but plenty of social distancing space remains available!

My thanks in advance to Barbara, the staff, the Vestry, and to the many Ministry leaders who I am sure will help acclimate Father Steve to our Christ Church family.

~ Matthew Mumford

Hello Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Thursday, an important survey was emailed to our Christ Church community regarding the search for our new Rector. The survey was delivered to community members by Survey Monkey, the website we are using to collect the data. Please check your SPAM or junk mail folder if you do not see the survey in your inbox.

If you have not received the survey at all, please reach out to me, Danielle

Post, at daniellepost4@gmail.com so that I can address it and be sure you have time to complete the survey.

The deadline for the survey will be extended to Friday July 24, 2020. Thank you for your help in our search for our new Rector.

Thank you,
Danielle Post
Chair of the Search Committee



Please check the website for a link to the service
www.christchurch.org

Rectory backyard Prune and Trim Party Saturday, July 25

Lunch will be served. I will also give summer trim workshop. Mainly bring loppers, pruners. Water bottle. Spread the word and see you then. Any questions, email mark.arnowitz@yahoo.com

Mark A. The Coffee Potter

What can you expect on Sunday

The doors of Christ Church will be open Sunday for two services at 9:00 and 11:00. What follows is a little information about what you can expect.

- +Only the big red doors to the older building will be open to enter the building. If you need to enter a different door, please call ahead.
- +Every effort has been made to make the nave as reasonably safe as possible. The room has been sanitized and the pews have been wiped down.
- +Face-coverings are required while in the building. If you forget your own, a face-covering is available for you.
- +Hand sanitizer will be available just inside the door.
- +Your name will be written down as you enter for contact tracing purposes.
- +No more than 30 people will be permitted in the room at one time.
- +There will be no congregational singing, and responses will be said at low-

volume.

+Plexiglass “sneeze-guards” have been placed in front of the lectern and pulpit so that the preacher and readers can do so without being masked.

+Bulletins and the Alms basin will be pre-placed before the service.

At one service each week the Eucharist will be celebrated. At that service:

+The wine will not be distributed.

+The priest will scrub his hands before setting the table, and sanitize his hands before the distribution. Only the person receiving and the priest will touch the wafer.

+The priest will wear a mask at all times other than when at the pulpit.

+There will be no acolytes or Eucharistic Ministers assisting.

+Social distancing will be observed, and reception will be made standing.

+After receiving the wafer, the individual should turn away and move at least six feet from the person behind before consuming (waiting until you return to your seat is also suggested).

+If there is overflow seating in the parish hall, the priest will distribute communion there as well.

Thank you all for your understanding as we, Christ Church, moves through this unprecedented time. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The doors will be open.

Thanks Be To God.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is now open on Saturdays only from 9:30 am to Noon for shopping and donations. Face coverings required, limited number of shoppers at a time, no children under the age of 16, changing rooms closed, no access to bathrooms and all donations are quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours.

Due to CDC guidelines and limited capacity, donations will be screened upon arrival to determine what we are allowed to accept. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we keep everyone’s health and safety as our top priority!

Saturday Breakfast has been suspended until further notice!

Intercessory Prayers

To add a name to our weekly intercession list, please send the name to prayer@christchurch.org.

The intercession list will be available as you enter the church on Sunday mornings.

You are welcome to add a name (first or baptismal name only). There are

three areas: 1) for those who are ill or need special prayers 2) for those who have died and 3) for thanksgivings to God.

Let us all remember each other, family members and friends in prayer each week.

Did you know June was LGBTQI Month? How did you celebrate Pride this year?

Part I

June was LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex) Pride Month, usually celebrated with educational events, self-acceptance celebrations, and parades. Christ Church has marched in Warwick Pride events previously and Christ Church Parishioners of all ages have participated in the family-friendly activities.

This year, social distancing caused the cancellation of such community events, so we are once again gifted the opportunity to reflect within: How do I experience God loving me? How do I celebrate and embrace God loving my neighbors? What does it feel like to be me in the world? Do I live my life for Jesus when it's inconvenient or uncomfortable? Do I care for His beloved, especially those who are so different from me? How is God's Grace known to me in my relationships? Do I celebrate that which God made unique in me? Do I celebrate that which God made unique in my neighbors?

Some people have wondered why celebratory Pride is so closely associated with the Stonewall Inn in NYC. Remember that our society was entirely and unapologetically discriminatory to all people who did not present themselves as heterosexual and/or did not present themselves as the gender for which they were assigned at birth. This prejudice permeated every aspect of our culture: from being arrested, fined, and fired to receiving housing discrimination, as well as publicly excluded from God's worship and often thrown out of their own family home while still a youth, LGBTQI people faced pressure everywhere to conform to society's standard. So, clubs created to serve gay men and/or lesbian women became places of refuge: somewhere to put down one's defensive walls, embrace, and express oneself, as well as to socialize with a welcoming community.

According to the History Channel "The Stonewall Riots, also called the Stonewall Uprising, began in the early hours of June 28, 1969 when NYC police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village in NYC. The police were intentionally raiding gay clubs, arresting the guests and repealing the establishments' liquor licenses. On this particular night, the patrons at the bar had had enough. As police roughly hauled employees and the patrons (those singled out for "cross-dressing") out of the bar, other patrons and neighborhood residents observed the violence toward handcuffed men in dresses and a woman dressed in men's attire, and onlookers began fighting back. This led to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement outside the bar on Christopher Street, in neighboring streets, and in nearby Christopher Park. The Stonewall Riots served as a turning point for the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world. One year later, gay activists in New York organized the Christopher Street Liberation March to cap off the city's first Gay Pride Week. As several hundred people

began marching up 6th Avenue toward Central Park, supporters from the crowd joined them. The procession eventually stretched some 15 city blocks, encompassing thousands of people.

Inspired by New York's example, activists in other cities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston and Chicago, organized gay pride celebrations that same year. The frenzy of activism born on that first night at Stonewall would eventually fuel gay rights movements in Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Australia and New Zealand, among other countries, becoming a lasting force that would carry on for the next half-century—and beyond.

This June we were pleased to celebrate the 5th year of Federal Marriage Equality on June 26th and the extension of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act that now bars discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation. Unfortunately, this month the LGBT community also suffered a loss as transgender health and medical protections were stripped.

Next week Part II.

~ Sharon Kelly and Carly Tosh

Interim Rector

Articles for Christ Church Eblast newsletter are due by noon on Tuesday before Wednesday publication

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George Mindos, Kristen Neavin, Louise Schultz (Treasurer), Charlotte Trott and Cheryl Walters

Anyone wishing to read the Vestry meeting minutes,
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SUNDAYS: 9:00 and 11:00 AM

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